

## Activity: External Administrative Costs

### Activity Summary

Subactivity	2004 Enacted	2005 Estimate	FY 2006			Change From 2005 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Employee Compensation Payments	18,302	20,608	+282	0	20,890	+282
Unemployment Compensation Payments	11,587	12,068	+5,007	0	17,075	+5,007
External ADP Charges	4,016	3,195	0	0	3,195	0
Printing	593	585	0	0	585	0
Telecommunications	9,695	9,560	0	0	9,560	0
Postage	4,829	4,762	0	0	4,762	0
GSA Space Rental	45,032	52,575	+1,183	-1,337	52,421	-154
Drug-Free Workplace	310	306	0	0	306	0
Departmental Program Charges	18,587	20,276	+1,487	0	21,763	+1,487
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>112,951</b>	<b>123,935</b>	<b>+7,959</b>	<b>-1,337</b>	<b>130,557</b>	<b>+6,622</b>

### Authorization

16 U.S.C. 1	The National Park Service Organic Act
5 U.S.C. 8509	Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1980 (Federal Employees Compensation Account)

### Overview

The **External Administrative Costs** activity includes funding support necessary to provide and maintain services that represent key administrative support functions whose costs are largely determined by organizations outside the National Park Service and whose funding requirements are therefore less flexible. The requirements for these services are mandated in accordance with applicable laws. To promote the efficient performance of the National Park Service, these costs are most effectively managed on a centralized basis.

The categories funded from this activity enhance and support all activities and programs of the National Park Service and therefore support all performance goals identified in this document. However, there are no specific measures in the DOI Strategic Plan that directly apply to these programs.

### Program Performance

#### Employee Compensation Payments

**FY 2005 Estimate: \$ 20.608 million**

Funding allows for financial compensation to National Park Service employees in the event of a job-related injury. The National Park Service makes payments to the Employees' Compensation Fund at the Employment Standards Administration within the Department of Labor to cover the cost of compensation claims awarded to Service employees during the previous fiscal year. The increase reflects the adjusted estimate for 2006.

**Proposed FY 2006: \$20.890 million**

**Change: + 0.282 million**

**Unemployment Compensation Payments****FY 2005 Estimate: \$12.068 million**

Funding provides unemployment compensation to qualifying former personnel as prescribed under the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1980, which requires that all unemployment benefits paid to former Federal employees, based on Federal service performed after December 31, 1980, be reimbursed to the Federal Employees' Compensation account of the unemployment trust fund by each Federal agency. The Department has distributed the total cost among affected bureaus on the basis of total separations; at this time, billing information is not available at the bureau level. The level of separations for the National Park Service is the highest of the Department because of the large number of seasonal staff. The FY 2006 request includes an increase that reflects the estimated NPS share of unemployment compensation payments.

**Proposed FY 2006: \$17.075 million****Change: + 5.007 million****External ADP Charges****FY 2005 Request: \$ 3.195 million**

Funding provides for charges billed to the NPS to operate Servicewide ADP systems including portions of the Federal Financial System (FFS), the Property System, and the DOI Acquisition System: Interior Department Electronic Acquisition System (IDEAS). Another major ADP component is the NPS Website, ParkNet. The FY 2006 request is equal to the FY 2005 enacted level.

**Proposed FY 2006: \$ 3.195 million****Change: No Change****Printing****FY 2005 Request: \$ 0.585 million**

Funding covers the cost of printing associated with the Government Printing Office (GPO) and the Departmental printing plant. The FY 2006 request is equal to the FY 2005 enacted level.

**Proposed FY 2006: \$ 0.585 million****Change: No Change****Telecommunications****FY 2005 Request: \$ 9.560 million**

Funding provides Servicewide data network service, Internet service, and telephone service through the Federal Telecommunication System (FTS) network and commercial telephone costs. The costs of these services are dictated by rates established by GSA and the telecommunications companies. This program supports critical mission related activities in every park and is vital in ensuring the NPS maintains the ability to effectively communicate with external partners and over 250 million annual "visits" on the NPS Website. The FY 2006 request is equal to the FY 2005 enacted level.

**Proposed FY 2006: \$ 9.560 million****Change: No Change****Postage****FY 2005 Request: \$ 4.762 million**

Funding provides Servicewide postage needs. Postage metering is managed through a central contract that provides services nationwide. The FY 2006 request is equal to the FY 2005 enacted level.

**Proposed FY 2006: \$ 4.762 million****Change: No Change**

**GSA Space Rental****FY 2005 Request: \$ 52.575 million**

Funds provide the office space and related services leased through the General Services Administration (GSA) by National Park Service park units and administration. In addition to general office space, leases include storage, food service, conference, training, and light industrial facilities and parking space where necessary. Rental space includes Federally-owned buildings operated by the GSA and buildings owned in the private sector which the GSA leases and makes available for public use. The standard level user charges paid by the Service are determined by the GSA and billed on a quarterly basis. The adjustment for 2006 reflects changes in rates as estimated by GSA and anticipated savings of \$1.337 million from space consolidation. They were transferred, along with the function, to DOI in FY 2005, and have been funded on a reimbursable basis.

**Proposed FY 2006: \$52.421 million**

Rate Changes: + 1.183 million

Space Consolidation: - 1.337 million

**Change (Net): - 0.154 million****Drug-Free Workplace****FY 2005 Request: \$ 0.306 million**

Funds are the Park Service share of the costs of the Department's Drug Free Workplace program to foster a drug-free workplace. The FY 2006 funding need will be held at the FY 2005 Enacted level.

**Proposed FY 2006: \$ 0.306 million****Change: No Change****Departmental Program Charges****FY 2005 Request: \$20.276 million**

Funding provides the Park Service contribution to the costs of Departmentwide programs and activities, conducted on behalf of its bureaus, such as the Departmental invasive species program, news services, information technology planning and security, competitive sourcing oversight, the Watch Office, the DOI Museum, the mail room, library, the Federal Information Centers, and spectrum management. This includes costs associated with the support of the Federal Personnel/Payroll System (FPPS), the Interior Department Electronic Acquisition System (IDEAS), and portions of the Federal Financial System (FFS). These charges do not include any costs for the DOI E-Government Quicksilver Projects, the annual financial audit, and the Enterprise Service Network requested in ONPS/Park Management activity/Park Support subactivity, or the DOI Appraisal Office, shown under the NPS Land Acquisition appropriation/Federal Land Acquisition Administration budget activity. The proposed FY 2006 change is to cover anticipated billing increases.

**Proposed FY 2006: \$21.763 million****Change: + 1.487 million**

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